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**F. E. DOERING,**  
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has for Painless Extraction of Teeth.  
One Hooper's Grocery Store, Corner Rosser  
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AT THE

**BRANDON REPOSITORY,**

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 1888.

11 Horses, Horned Stock, Pigs,  
Poultry, Rolling Stock and  
Implements of every  
description.

These sales take place only on the third Wednesday  
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Some of the best Farms in the neighborhood  
for Sale, cheap, and on reasonable terms.

CHAS. PILLING, Auctioneer.

A number of good Wagons, Ovens and Harness will

## City and Vicinity.

Preserving Pears by the barrel at Casells, etc.  
Preserving Plums, Pears, Grapes, Peaches  
etc., will arrive every week from Ontario to  
G. & D. Casells, leave your order and get  
them delivered fresh.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Adams were visiting in  
Virden last week.

Mr. Gregory, of the Souris mill, and family  
went east on Friday.

Leitch Bros., Oak Lake, have their new  
mill in operation.

Fifty thousand persons attended the Toronto  
fair in one day last week.

The Rev. Mr. Robinson, of Souris City, died  
of typhoid fever Thursday.

Upwards of 40 persons for Lester Kaye's  
colony came up on Friday's train.

Mr. Ferguson, of the Grand Pacific hotel,  
in the Portage, is in trouble over selling  
wine to Indians.

Mr. Thompson was the first buyer to get  
hold of new wheat this season, and he paid  
\$30 cents for it.

Jacob Holson, near Glenboro, committed  
suicide the other day by cutting his throat with  
a jack-knife.

Mr. Thos. Smith, of Alexander, sold his  
farm of 160 acres 3 miles from the depot, to a  
Mr. Lundy from Ontario the other day.

Mr. R. S. White, son of the late Hon. Thos. White,  
is the Conservative candidate in Card-  
well, Ont., for the Commons and he will be  
elected.

A board will meet in Toronto on the 1st of  
October for the grading of North West wheat.  
Much will depend upon the samples to be  
taken on that occasion.

Mr. Magee, late drug clerk with Mr. Rose,  
was in the city a few days last week. He is  
likely to take a position under Dr. Codd in the  
military force, Winnipeg.

Two gentlemen named Hyndman relations  
of Squire Doran, have arrived and are settling in  
9-19. It is needless to say they are like the  
square, good square Conservatives.

One hundred and fifty Indians at a war  
dance broke up church congregations at Oak  
Lake recently. The outside attractions ap-  
peared more congenial to the tastes of would  
be worshippers than those within.

Mr. W. F. Peters, C.P.R. agent here, has  
been successful in securing the second prize  
for the best collection of farm products sent  
to the land Dept. of the Co. He was lead-  
slightly by the Calgary agent.

We would advise all local dealers to be  
careful to have no whiskey or other alcoholic  
liquors on sale without a license. The profit  
to be made in that way is but little, the risk  
a dangerous one, and the penalty heavy. J. R.  
Foster is on the sharp look out.

It is reported Thompson, Godville & Co.,  
of Winnipeg, are going to open up a whole-  
sale grocery in this city with D. G. Stewart as  
manager. They will all come to it and by  
and if the mountain will not move to Mahonmet,  
Mahonmet must go to the mountain.

Capt. Wastle had quite an adventure with L.  
and C. O'Donnoughue, two Virgin bachelors, on  
Thursday evening. They tackled him for a  
fight, but after a few rounds the services of  
the police became necessary, and the offenders  
were locked up till the next day and fined \$15  
each for drunkenness and assault.

Billy Smith of the Portage, got into an  
altercation with a hired man named Hanna,  
the other day, and received the worse of it.  
Billy then fired his shot gun at the man, but  
luckily failed to hit him. Hanna laid an  
information, and Smith is now held on \$2,000  
bail; Smith was always the makings of a bad  
man.

Lindsay Post: "We had the pleasure of  
a call and long conversation with Mr. Thos.  
Lockhart, of Brandon, formerly of Fenelon,  
Manitoba and the Northwest, concerning  
which he gives an encouraging account.  
Mr. Lockhart is looking half and hearty,  
and scarcely any older than when he left here  
eight years ago. Mr. Lockhart gave a very  
interesting and instructive lecture at the Falls  
on the Northwest in order to give practical  
information to a large number of friends and  
acquaintances in the shortest time."

Mr. W. H. Hooper has no hesitation in saying  
he saved a large field of wheat near Lake  
Clement from frost the other night. In the  
night he set his men to work hauling manure  
to the windward sides, and setting it on fire,  
thus creating a heavy smudge that kept the air  
fully impregnated with smoke till daylight. Of  
course more or less heat was conveyed to the  
air by the smoke; but the philosophy of the  
scheme is in keeping the air cloudy, the heat in  
the ground acquired during the day, is prevented  
from radiating during the night. To be effective  
the density of the smoke must be proportion-  
ate with the degree of freezing, and if the  
necessary smoke is made we are confident it  
will succeed. As frosty nights about the ripening  
season are necessarily infrequent, and the  
experiment is not an expensive one, it will well  
pay all farmers to give it a fair trial.

Although our lacrosse club brought home  
neither brooms nor shields, they have no  
cause to be ashamed of their playing at Win-  
nipeg. They admit they were beaten fairly  
by the goth on Saturday in 3 to 2, but they  
cannot say the same for their match with the  
Winnipeggers. They consider they beat the  
latter fairly, but, of course, they could not  
out play the umpire, and the fact they won  
the two games credited to them in one and a  
half and six minutes respectively, when it was  
after long playing the other three scores  
were given to their rivals, is evidence of this.  
It appears that in future, to actually decide  
success, disinterested, honest umpires must be  
selected, men who have nothing but their own  
reputation at stake.

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ALL WOOL.

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### THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

**A Very Handsome Project—Proposed Gerrymander in Montreal.**

**Ontario's Travelling Show—Farmers Remitting Rents—Another Discovery.**

**Yankee's Astonished at What They Saw at Toronto's Exhibition.**

**Got Away with a Lot of Money—Quebec Society Agitated.**

**The Retaliation Question—Proceedings to be Taken to Avoid Obstructions.**

#### CANADIAN.

**QUEBEC, Sept. 13.**—It is stated that the three local parliamentary divisions in this city will undergo the gerrymandering process. The object is not yet clear, as all three return government supporters.

**QUEBEC, Sept. 13.**—A speech is being made here for the building of six donkey engines. It will go into business loading and discharging vessels next season in opposition to the ship laborers.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—The Postmaster-General has completed arrangements by which the West India mails, which have hitherto been sent via New York, will henceforth be transmitted by the new line of steamships which will ply directly between Halifax and the West Indies. This line has just been established by a company of Halifax merchants, who have purchased two of the Canadian boats, and will increase the service as trade requires.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—At a meeting of the Arts and Agricultural association last night, a committee was appointed to ask the Ontario government for a continuance of the exhibition and an increase of the grant for show purposes.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—The action of the Napanee and Elmetown farmers in remitting the rents of their tenants is contrasted with that of the Indian department, who are laying goods and chattels of delinquent tenants whose crops failed on the Timminsberg reserves.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—Secretary Fairchild, of the United States, has been ordered to refund the duty on three ship's pumps imported by the *Forwarding* company from Canada. The pumps were purchased in Kingston and taken on board the barge William to prevent it sinking. When the barge arrived at Free Haven, N.Y., the duty was assessed.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—Information has been received that gold quartz has been found on lots 25 and 26, fourth concession, Storrington.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—The provincial fair was visited yesterday by over 15,000 people. The receipts were over three thousand dollars. The Governor-General inspected every part of the fair and expressed himself well pleased with what he saw, and declared he could easily see why Canadian products were taking such a high place in British markets. To-day his Excellency will visit the public institutions and this afternoon a military force will be inspected followed by a reception by the Royal Military college.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—The first meet of the Montreal Hunt club takes place at the kennels Saturday. The membership is much larger than ever. The club takes of importing half dozen hounds from England.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—A large wholesale dry goods house here got an extension from its creditors yesterday.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—At the Conservative picnic at L'Assomption yesterday special speeches were delivered by Sir H. H. Longueville, Sir A. P. Caron and Hon. J. A. Chapleau. Cleveland's retaliation message received a large share of attention, and Mr. Laurier was again hauled over the coals for his St. Thomas speech.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—The counsel for the defense in the Howe tragedy are making the best use of the time at their disposal, and friends of the accused openly state that the public will be astonished when the story is told in court of the conduct of Indians along the river. It is probable an effort will be made to make out a very strong justification and prove that the prisoners believed their lives to be in danger and they feared an attack from Major Howe. The county authorities are dumbfounded at the large tax this case will put on the ratepayers, and an effort will be made to induce the province to bear the lion's share of it.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—It is understood H. J. Beamer, manager of the Pontiac & Pacific Junction railway, who is in Paris, has succeeded in forming a company of capitalists with a capital of \$8,500,000 to complete the Pontiac & Pacific Junction road to Sault Ste. Marie and purchase the North Shore road from Ottawa to Quebec from the Canadian Pacific company. This, with running powers over the Intercolonial railway to St. John, N.B., and Halifax, would give a through line to the sea. The object of the company is to compete for the Western States and Canadian Northwest grain carrying trade to Canadian winter ports. It is alleged that the North Shore line past its usefulness to the C.P.R., which has got a short cut to Montreal by Smith's Falls, and that they are anxious to dispose of the whole line.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—Dumont, Riel's lieutenant, has again been attempting to stir up bad feeling among the Indians with, it is said, a considerable degree of success.

**NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., Sept. 13.**—The sealing schooner Triumph arrived yesterday at Victoria from Bellingham sea, with 2,300 skins. The reports are that seal was plentiful, but the weather during most of the trip was rough. An American cutter came alongside the schooner, but made no attempt at seizure. The American gunboat *Theis* was also sighted

near Oursa. It is expected that all British Columbia vessels will make good catches this season. The Chinaman sentenced to death Tuesday, at the Cariboo assizes, committed suicide in his cell yesterday morning.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—Later advices from the Northwest report great suffering and many deaths from starvation among the Indians of the Canadian Northwest Territories. From the Peace river district several cases of cannibalism are reported, where, to save their own lives, the heads of families have killed and eaten their children. Last session parliament voted the sum of \$55,000 for supplies for destitute treaty Indians of the Northwest. From what has been learned it appears that dishonest agents, who were entrusted with its distribution, have appropriated the greater portion of the grant.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—Several persons were run over yesterday by cars going to and returning from the exhibition. A man named Isaac Temple died last night from injuries received in this manner. He was intoxicated.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—It is estimated that a thousand persons from the Southern and Western States, who have been attending the Buffalo fair yesterday, visited the Industrial exhibition here. They were all astonished at the magnitude of Canada's resources. Some enterprising exhibitors introduced an innovation in the shape of full bands of music to draw attention to their exhibit.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—Some one stole \$1,200 from the safe of the Burnett house this morning, while the clerk was absent for a short time.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—The success of the great fair continues. Yesterday Manitoba, Alberta and Northwest exhibits arrived. They will be in position by this evening, and if they are all as excellent as the contents of the few cases already open and on the tables for inspection, the exhibit will be an excellent one. There is one pumpkin already on the tables which weighs 105 pounds, and a cabbage weighing 22 pounds. Some specimens of wheat and oats are magnificent. Stock will begin to arrive the end of the week.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 14.**—Lord Stanley and suite left for Montreal this morning by the steamer *Passport*.

**QUEBEC, Sept. 14.**—Several local scandals of a sensational nature are agitating society at present. The first is the story of a quiet wedding with a pistol at the groom's head to bring him to time. Then comes the immoral proceedings of two well known citizens who went to Montreal on an excursion. Lastly, the escapade of a society lady, a victim of the wine cup.

**QUEBEC, Sept. 14.**—An effort is being made to form a company to erect and operate blast furnaces at St. Paul's Bay, where large deposits of iron are said to exist.

**QUEBEC, Sept. 14.**—The Governor-General is credited with the intention of building a summer chateau on the Escapade river.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 14.**—Mrs. Perryman, of Toronto, while visiting friends here, died last night from eating what she bought in the market for mushrooms.

**QUEBEC, Sept. 14.**—Audrey, the Banque National defaulter, has just been freed from Chicago.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 14.**—Louis Beaupre Stewart, of Banc N.W.T., has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the school of practical science, taking charge of the department of surveying, practical astronomy, drawing and descriptive geometry. He begins his duties on the 1st prox.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—Rev. Father Paradis, whose name was prominently brought before the public some months ago in connection with a misunderstanding between himself on one side and the Gilmore lumber merchants, of the Upper Gatineau, Hon. J. E. Ross and Rev. Father Auger on the other, is in the city en route to Rome where he goes to appeal to the Vatican against his expulsion from the oblat order. He refused to retract the charges against Ross and his superior thereupon excommunicated him.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 14.**—After a lengthy discussion the Canada Medical Association decided to meet next year in August at Banff. The C.P.R. has offered first-class return tickets, meals, berths and four days at the hotel for \$55. It is expected some hundred will go up. The annual dinner was held last night at the Russell house. At the meeting yesterday the officers for next year were elected as follows: President, Dr. H. P. Wright, Ottawa; secretary, J. Bell, Montreal; treasurer, W. H. Atkins, Toronto; vice-president, Ontario, Sheard, Toronto; Quebec, Campbell, Montreal; New Brunswick, Graham, Bathurst; Nova Scotia, Farrel, Halifax; Manitoba, Lynch, Winnipeg; British Columbia, LeFebvre, Vancouver; Northwest Territory, Jukes, Regina; Prince Edward Island, Jenkins, Charlottetown; local secretaries, Ontario, Griff, Hamilton; Quebec, Worthington, Sherbrooke; New Brunswick, Kellar, Fredericton; Nova Scotia, Webster, Wolfville; Manitoba, Ferguson, Winnipeg; British Columbia, Milne, Victoria; Northwest Territory, Oliver, Edwards; Prince Edward Island, McLaren, Georgetown; All the papers read were of a scientific nature, and of interest only to the profession.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 14.**—Mr. Carling, Minister of Agriculture, who returned from Grosse Isle on Saturday, says that Canada has the most efficient quarantine system on this continent. He says it is impossible for a vessel now to proceed up the St. Lawrence without a thorough overhauling. There have been no very serious cases of infectious diseases this year, but there has been an average of eight or nine patients in the hospital. Mr. Lowe holds that Dr. Montzambert, the quarantine officer, is a most able man, and under his arrangements cannot fail to work admirably.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 15.**—In consequence of serious fears of retaliation being really carried into effect, preparations were last night reported complete for stopping all winter shipments of carriages from England by way of New York, Boston and Portland, and making them through Halifax and St. John. Cable despatch received here last night by two leading importing dry goods houses state that their arrangements are already made on the other side. Inquiries among other houses have led to the discovery that the movement is general here and in Montreal, Hamilton, London, Toronto and Winnipeg. To-day a list of big importers willing to allow their names to be mentioned as having decided not to allow goods to be sent in future by way of United States ports will be printed. Negotiations are being pushed for the establishment of a third trunk line from the west to Canadian winter ports by the acquisition of a chain of railway lines.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 13.**—The steamship *Gallic* arrived from China last evening with 765 Chinese. She brings news that the Emperor will assume sway after his marriage, on the first of next month. The Viceroy has decided against giving permission to foreigners to establish manufactory in China.

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**BUFFALO, Sept. 14.**—Charles W. Percy, of Suspension Bridge, accompanied by Miss Nellie Delworth, of Pittsburgh, will attempt to go through the whirlpool rapids in an open boat to day. The boat is a self-saller and self-righted. Percy claims that it is impossible to capsize.

**CHICAGO, Sept. 14.**—Telegrams from several points in Wisconsin report killing frosts on Wednesday night. At Madison and Elkhorn late tobacco was badly injured. At other points all tender vegetation was nipped, and the corn ruined for feeding purposes. Reports received from Northwest Minnesota and Dakota indicate the wheat crop will be short, and there is already some concern with those requiring wheat about where it shall come from.

**EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 14.**—A novel race took place to day between a horse and a bicycle from Silver City, N.M., to Deming, fifty miles. The course was over a rough mountain road and long stretches of sand. The wager was \$200 and fifty head of cattle a side, the cattle at \$10 each. Kennedy, from Denver, Colo., who holds the all-round championship of the state of Colorado, rode the bicycle. The course was decidedly in favor of the horse, as the bicycle could not make any in the sand. The horse won the race. Time 3 hours and 40 minutes. The bicycle's time was 4 hours and 50 minutes. About \$10,000 changed hands in this city.

**BOSTON, Sept. 15.**—The Irish gentlemen cricketers defeated the Lungwoods by only four points. The match was stubbornly contested and marked by fine playing.

**NEW YORK, Sept. 15.**—A London cablegram says: "When parliament recesses in six months, two well-known and distinguished members will be absent. These are Sir Michael Hicks Beach and Charles Bradlaugh. The former is rumors that they will accept the Cheltenham hundreds and retire from parliamentary life."

**NEW YORK, Sept. 15.**—Arrived, City of New York, from Liverpool. She was delayed off the banks eighteen hours by the slide valve giving out, and by the new machinery not being thoroughly broken in. Among the passengers on board were Judge W. Q. Gresham, Rev. J. L. Bates, who represents English stockholders in the Erie railroad; the Very Rev. H. Gabriel, Rev. A. H. Fall, ex-counsel to Algiers; Kyle Bell, the actor, and Senator W. Windom.

**NEW YORK, Sept. 15.**—Professor Richard Proctor, the eminent astronomer and scientist, died at the Willard Parker hospital in this city yesterday evening from yellow fever. He arrived here from Oakland, Fla., on Monday, and was prostrated with the disease immediately after. The professor intended to sail for Europe next Saturday. His works are perhaps the most popular of any scientific publications of the present day.

**NEW YORK, Sept. 15.**—A petition is in circulation between Ottawa and Kingston among the forwarders and boatmen asking the government to deepen the Rideau canal. The petition has already 1,500 signatures.

**QUEBEC, Sept. 15.**—The city council has passed a by-law to compel barbers to close on Sunday.

**QUEBEC, Sept. 15.**—The Steamer *Signum* line steamer *St. Lawrence* is to be withdrawn for the season, being now on her last trip.

**AMERICAN.**

**WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.**—The President sent to the Senate yesterday his reply to the House resolution requesting copies of communications sent by the President to Great Britain, remonstrating against the wrongs of the Canadian government in discriminating against American vessels passing through the Welland canal and American vessels engaged in fisheries. His reply concluded also in laying before the Senate all correspondence with Canada regarding alleged illegal seizures and canal discrimination.

**WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.**—The Senate took the canal bill under consideration yesterday, but there was no action upon it. The committee is awaiting a reply from the Secretary of State to Senator Hoar's resolution asking for copies of protests made by the administration, if they have them, against outrages perpetrated by the Canadian authorities American fishermen.

**BALTIMORE, Sept. 13.**—Cardinal Gibbons issued a circular letter to all clergymen calling attention to the close of the Pope's jubilee year on Sunday, September 20. The desire of the Pope, to invest the services on that occasion with unusual solemnity, and the day is appointed as one of indulgence for all the faithful.

**ASHERDEN, Dak., Sept. 13.**—A cold wave struck Central Dakota last night, and it came a heavy frost, the first of the season. Corn was considerably injured in some localities, while in others it was far enough matured to escape serious damage. Growing flocks were not perceptibly injured.

**BUFFALO, Sept. 13.**—Professor Baldwin yesterday leaped from his balloon within a mile of the air, 50,000 people watching the act. The parachute acted properly, and the reckless man alighted safely about a mile from the fair grounds.

**SYRACUSE, Sept. 13.**—The Grand opera house block, together with the stock and fixtures of five firms, was burned early this morning. The block extends from East Genesee to East Fayette street. Loss \$160,000; partly insured.

**COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 13.**—William Warner, of Missouri, has been elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

**NEW YORK, Sept. 13.**—A cable despatch from Rome to the Catholic News, announces the papal decree on the Knights of Labor question as favorable to the organization. It has been forwarded to Cardinal Gibbons.

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 13.**—Fifty-two new cases and six deaths were reported during the past twenty-four hours, making the total 860 cases since the fever was first discovered, 108 of which died and 230 recovered.

**LEWISTON, Me., Sept. 13.**—Complete re-

turns to the Journal give Burleigh (Republican) for governor, 79,603; Putnam (Democrat) 61,108. The senate is wholly Republican; the house, 124 Republicans and 28 Democrats.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.**—The steamship *Gallic* arrived from China last evening with 765 Chinese. She brings news that the Emperor will assume sway after his marriage, on the first of next month. The Viceroy has decided against giving permission to foreigners to establish manufactory in China.

**BUFFALO, Sept. 14.**—Charles W. Percy, of Suspension Bridge, accompanied by Miss Nellie Delworth, of Pittsburgh, will attempt to go through the whirlpool rapids in an open boat to day. The boat is a self-saller and self-righted. Percy claims that it is impossible to capsize.

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carries. The head Arab and his man thereupon ran off to Stanley Falls, where Jamie is making arrangements with Tippoo Tip for the organization of an expedition. It will proceed as quickly as possible.

London, Sept. 13.—Lord Lansdowne's Irish agent some time ago sought a conference with William O'Brien in order to settle the vexed disputes with tenants on his lordship's Luggalaaran estates. After infinite negotiations, the agent suddenly broke off, announcing Mr. O'Brien declares the man he intended to keep the tenants and while Lord Lansdowne was visiting Ireland, O'Brien says he intends to ignore the people of Ulster, where Lord Lansdowne has appointed viceroy, what and of a character their viceroy has.

Ulster, Sept. 14.—Count Kalkbrenner will visit Bismarck on Saturday.

Dublin, Sept. 14.—Mr. William Redmond has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment, without hard labor, under the Crimes act.

London, Sept. 13.—Carl Schurz will be detained in Germany for some time longer in consequence of the illness of his son, who has suffered a painful operation. His son is now at Kiel, where he is convalescing. Mr. Schurz will probably be able to leave by the 1st of October.

London, Sept. 14.—The marriage of the Duke of Sparta and Princess Sophia of Prussia will take place in the autumn of next year. Princess Sophia will enter the Greek church. It is probable that the betrothal will shortly be announced by the Duke's sister, Princess Alexandra, who was born in August, 1870, to the Grand Duke Paul Alexandrovitch, the youngest brother of the Emperor of Russia. This match has been on the table for the last three years, but looks as if just as it was to be announced, in consequence of an escapade in which the young Duke indulged when he was staying at Athens.

Glasgow, Sept. 14.—Four hundred Irish soldiers employed about the Glasgow sugar-houses have been dismissed, and their places have been filled with Protestants from Belfast. It is feared that riots and disorder will ensue from this action. The oil-meedow seafarers belong to a union which is constantly making Inter-union demands of the employers.

London, Sept. 13.—Eighty-one passengers, mostly emigrants, and six members of the crew of the steamer South America from Montevideo, which was sunk at Fiume, when the medical officer went to inspect the place, he found it in a shocking condition. The seven persons slept in one room, and the window was so fastened up that he had to break the glass in order to secure ventilation. To the row of ten houses in which the affected cottage stands, there are only two closets.

## CABLE NOTES.

### Proposed Board of Examiners for Journalists—Touring System.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—The Russian reserves of the year 1878 are being called out, whether for exercise only, it is impossible to say. It is believed that they will remain with the colors for an indefinite period.

### A Disgusted Cuban.

In Paris a cuban has committed suicide in a fit of disgust at things in general. In his pocket he left a most singular will. It directs that in the left pocket of his trousers will be found a ten franc piece, which is to be given to the doctor who signs the certificate of his death. The body is to be carried to the Jardin des Plantes and dissected. The flesh is to be cut into slices and divided among the lions, tigers, and bears. The testator adds: "I intend that these animals shall regard themselves on my flesh."

### Fine Bayonets for Soldiers.

Apres of the bayonet scandals, Trinchera is an incident of a private in the Essex regiment at Malta, who happened to slip down and fall on his side arms, with the result that the bayonet was so bent as to be unserviceable. The remarkable part of the story is that the weapon in question had been tested and reissued as meeting the necessary requirements.

### Effects of Shocking Sanitary Condition.

Seven persons have been attacked by typhoid fever in one house at Fiume. When the medical officer went to inspect the place, he found it in a shocking condition. The seven persons slept in one room, and the window was so fastened up that he had to break the glass in order to secure ventilation. To the row of ten houses in which the affected cottage stands, there are only two closets.

### An Industrious Lord.

Lord Winchester and his brother are passing their autumn holidays amongst the gold miners at Dolegely. Their work in the "steps" has been both profitable and interesting; for in one day they took out with their own hands no less than £500 worth of the precious metal, including a splendid specimen containing ten cunces of pure gold. It is not likely that any other person has made so auspicious a debut as a miner. Certainly not within seven hours of a London.

### CANADIAN BRENTIES.

The Montreal Association of Contractors Disappears. H. S. S. Bellerophon—The Industrial Exhibition.

The Cox case was again continued for a week at Toronto, on Friday.

H. M. Baggish, Bellerophon, and concert Comus, left Quebec for Halifax Wednesday.

Barnes Bros., Every stable keepers of Toronto, have skipped, leaving numerous creditors to deplore their absence.

This year's Industrial exhibition is far ahead of any of its predecessors in the number and excellence of the exhibits.

C. L. Dugman is under arrest at Ogdensburg, N. Y., charged with forging orders upon St. Louis & Wellington, of Toronto, for fruit trees.

W. Bantle, a prominent business contractor of St. John's, Que., has disappeared. It appears his mind was unduly by business anxiety.

The Medical Association met at Ottawa Monday, and held a banquet in the evening at the Russell. It is thought they will meet at Banc next year.

Much interest is felt at the Industrial exhibition in the Edison phonograph. Four of Mr. Easton Wiman's speeches were reproduced with startling success.

The Under-treasurer of Toronto held a banquet on Friday, at which all the tables were covered in coffee-shaped dishes and other gloriously indulged in.

Mr. Jenkins, editor of the Brassell, Ont., Budget, was sent to the jail of Huron county, for publishing illegal matter after an order of the court commanding him to desist.

Two more American vessels are reported to have been seized by Inspector Kavanagh, of Quebec, for violating certain shipping laws. The vessels are called the Beaupre and the Pacific.

In the artillery competition at the Island of Orleans, Thursday, the Prince Edward Island detachment did the best in 4 minutes. The previous best time had been 8 minutes and 14 seconds.

An indignation meeting was held Thursday night in Montreal to protest against the Dominion government's veto of the act of the provincial legislature, appointing a district court for Montreal.

H. H. Smith, Dominion lands commissioner at Winnipeg, arrived at Winnipeg on Wednesday with Deputy Minister Burgess. He will remain for some time inquiring into some business in his own department.

A Hamilton lawyer, whose name is suppressed, was given \$20,000 by an alderman to invest for him. The lawyer apparently did so, and paid over the interest of the money regularly; but when the alderman recently asked for the money, he found that it had never been invested, and had almost all disappeared. The lawyer was arrested, and it is said his brother will make good the deficiency.

It is said that Mr. J. H. Beemer, manager of the Pontiac & Pacific Junction railway, at present in Paris, has formed a company with \$500,000, to complete the Pontiac & Pacific line from Pembroke to Sault Ste. Marie, to lease or purchase from the C.P.R. the North Shore road from Ottawa to Quebec, and to obtain from the government running power over the Intercolonial railway to St. John.

Mr. Cox's advices state that no trains were able to leave there on Thursday, owing to the cyclone. At the Pass Sault de Solis, a herd of over 20,000 animals were drowned. The inhabitants of Janapa, Medellin, Saladas and Boca del Rio, are without the necessities of life.

News from the Congo river is to the effect that Major Bartelat has been murdered by natives, and that Jamieson has returned to Stanley Falls and is organizing a new expedition.

London, Sept. 13.—The Brandon Mail.

Bridgford, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Bryon Reed, Colonel Sanderson and Dr. Turner each moved the application of the rule twice. In 38 cases the speaker or chairman agreed to the question being put, but declined in the remaining 25 instances.

### Land Bank in Poland.

The British consul general at Warsaw reports as to the law extending with certain alterations, the scheme of peasants' land banks established in Russia since 1882, to the kingdom of Poland. Under it the peasants of Russia, Polish or Lithuania, extracted, may, with the approval of the local commissioner for peasants' affairs, obtain loans for the purchase of lands which do not belong to peasants, and which are not burdened with enormous servitudes, such loans not to exceed 90 per cent. of the valuation made by the officers of the bank. In Russia proper the maximum is 75 per cent., and in the case of Poland the additional 15 per cent. is to come. In a special fund is instituted for that country in 1890 to free peasants from dependence on landlords. The balance of that fund, which amounts now to 2,000,000 roubles, is to be handed over to the land bank.

### The Touring System.

Mr. Edward Terry, the popular comedian, has given up his opinion on the touring system. Mr. Terry's view is that it has helped to effect a change in the status of the actor. He looks, too, to the public, for the complete of the old system, as now provincial theatres are no longer placed in the same light as meeting that has been approved in the metropolis. So far as salaries are concerned, Mr. Terry himself left one of the old stock companies in his day to take the leading character post at London hotel. The salary he received was £2 a week, whereas now £100 would be expected. One serious evil of the touring system is the beginning of a new prey upon actors and actresses.

### The Germans Besting the British.

Again this year Mr. Adie, the British agent at Newcast, notes a great decrease in British shipping, both in number of ships and tonnage, trading to that port. German shipping at Newcast is increasing by leaps and bounds. In 1880, 216 British ships, of 145,612 tons, entered Newcast, against 24 German vessels, of 12,052 tons, during 1887. There were 297 British vessels, of 259,769 tons, and 217 German, of 172,338 tons. The percentage of tonnage increase during 1887 as compared with 1880, British 53, and German 1,241, or the British tonnage has doubled, while the German has increased twelve-fold. The following return, Mr. Adie explains, give a very inaccurate idea of the actual carrying tonnage, and one much too favorable to British shipping; for while very many of the large British steamers only call at Newcast to receive or discharge small portions of their cargoes, the smaller German steamers nearly always have cargoes to the full extent of their tonnage.

### Examining Newspaper Men.

A flutter has been caused in journalistic circles by a proposal to establish a board of examiners which shall test as to the proficiency of newspaper men. The idea is locked upon by everyone I have spoken to as absurd. It is impossible to test the capabilities of members of the fourth estate by actual work, and it goes without saying that a man who has again and again rendered valuable service to his paper might be upset by a question which a smart younger from a school might easily dispose of. It is already certain that editors who know their work will attach small importance to certificates of merit emanating from any board whatever.

### A SHOOTING AFFRAY.

"BILLY" Smith, of Portage la Prairie, Shoots at His Friend, but Misses the Mark.

Portage Review.—Quite a scuffle was created around town on Wednesday, when the news spread that "Billy" Smith had shot Alex. Hannah, a man who had been working for him. So many different versions of the affair were flying that it was difficult to get at the bottom facts. A Review reporter, however, managed to pick up the following statement of the case from various sources, one of which was the man shot at. It appears on Monday Hannah was driving the binder, but had a breakdown and thus let a good deal of time. On Monday night "Billy" Smith was filling his pipe, the first thing he did was to sing Hannah in the eye. A bullet ensued and in five seconds "Billy" was down and then Hannah was pulled off by the men standing around. As soon as he was let up Smith charged him for the wounded for a club. Hannah fell over and got him down again, so he could make any use of the club. A second time Hannah was pulled off and then Smith ran into the house and got a revolver. When he returned he ordered Hannah off the premises, and threatened to shoot him. Hannah got outside of the fence, and would not move further, when Smith deliberately fired blank at him, but fortunately missed his aim. After this Hannah came down town and swore out an information before Magistrate Giles, and in less than an hour Oren Huston had Mr. Smith in custody. In the afternoon the prisoner was brought before the court, but the case was adjourned till the next day, and the meantime Smith was bailed out by Mr. Watson, M. P., & S. Curtis. When the time for trial came Smith appeared but Hannah failed to turn up and the case was further remanded till Saturday at 2 o'clock when a bench warrant will be issued to produce Hannah in court. It is an open secret on the street that Smith bought off the prosecution for a hundred dollars and that was the reason he did not appear in court. Smith has money, and a wide social influence with some of the prominent political lights of the party now in power, and from these influences he is going to be in sufficient strength to have him set at liberty.

The magistrate is to be deputed, but with the influence at work the chances are that neither justice nor justice will count for much.

The Bohemian diet was opened Tuesday. The German members declined to sit.

## THE MINING COMMISSION.

### The Winnipeg Consolidated, Gold Hill and Sultana Mines.

RAT PORAGE, Aug. 24.—Gold is the chief mineral so far found in the Lake of the Woods district, and it is claimed that a number of valuable discoveries have been made. The commissioners visited a number of locations yesterday, accompanied by Messrs. Wright and Hennan, the most promising of which were the Gold Hill and the Sultana. The latter is on an island about eight miles south of Rat Portage, and the former on the mainland five or six miles farther up the lake. There are altogether some twenty locations in the district, and while all are said to afford rich shows, there are none which can as yet be said developed. One of the chief hindrances to mining work is the dispute between the province and the Dominion as to possession, but general complaint is also made against the pretensions of the Keweenaw Lumber company. This company, it is said, claims all minerals as well as all the timber on the island of the lake, and several cases are mentioned in which prospecting work on mineral veins was stopped by the manager of the company. It is likely, therefore, that no sooner will the decision of the Privy Council be given in the case now pending than the title of the Keweenaw company will claim the attention of the courts—unless it can be disposed of by shorter process.

### PRACTICAL MINERS EXAMINED.

One of the witnesses examined to day was J. K. Wright, who, with D. B. Barrette, of Belleville, is owner of eight locations on Lake of the Woods, known as Gold Hill property, and consisting of 966 acres. He stated that he had made careful surface prospecting, and found two well-defined fissure veins, named respectively the Ada G. and the Combination. Three openings have been made on the former and four on the latter, one of which is 50 feet deep, another 23 feet, and the five others an average of 10 feet. The Ada G. vein runs south of west and north of east, dips about 45 degrees south, is 2 inches wide at the surface and 3 feet at a depth of 10 feet. The hanging wall is trap, while the foot appears to be granite. The gangue consists of talcose slate, and is surmounted by talcose slate. The Combination vein is a mile south of the Ada G. and occurs similarly to it, but shows more free gold at the surface. Lower down, however, the gold is found in the form of sulphurates. At one point, a mile south of the pit, the vein opens to a much greater width, and has been tested to a depth of 35 feet without any closing of the walls. Work on the locations was discontinued owing to a disputed claim. A large number of assays have been made of the ores, the lowest of which, from the Ada G., yielded \$52 of gold per ton. At the surface it appears free gold, the vein rock being partially decomposed, in the opinion of witness, by weather exposure. At a lower depth the gold is found as a sulphurite, and he believed this was the fact below the line of permanent saturation. He considered that the whole free mining area was satisfied that the sulphides could be collected and treated economically. One source of the slow progress of development in the district, witness said, was the dispute as to the rights between the Ontario and Dominion governments. He knew of many capitalists who had come from St. Louis, Chicago, Minneapolis and other places for the purpose of investing, and had gone away disgusted because a satisfactory title could not be obtained, although they were well pleased with the outlook of the country.

### ATMOSPHERIC MILL OF PRIME IMPORTANCE.

Alexander Matson, chief trader of the Hudson's Bay company at Rat Portage, gave interesting evidence respecting operations at the Winnipeg Consolidated location, upon which a shaft was put down five years ago to a depth of over 100 feet. Operations ceased in the winter of 1881 owing to the want of funds. Thirty to forty men had been employed and about \$15,000 was expended. The stamp mill was not well suited to its work, and the managers had not sufficient knowledge of gold ore to make proper use of the equipment they had. The disputed title, witness said, had killed mining development in the country; in fact, it had interfered with anything at all being done on the lake. Capitalists would not invest as long as the question of title was unsettled. But after that question was disposed of he considered that a stamp mill was of first-class importance to help development work. In his opinion this would be the making of the mining interest in the district, especially if it was established and carried on as a government work.

### THE WINNIPEG CONSOLIDATED.

George Mitchell, a conveyancer and mining broker, stated in his evidence that he had practical experience in mining development in this section, particularly in connection with the Winnipeg Consolidated. He had seen free gold taken from at least twenty different veins on the lake. A great quantity of ore was mined at the Winnie, and the average yield of which was \$43 per ton, as far as could be calculated; the assayer found in the tollings \$16 per ton. He had noticed that in the several shafts sunk here free gold was found near the surface, fine, coarse, and in the leaf form—the latter especially in the Pine Portage vein. In the Winnipeg Consolidated the richest part of the vein was in the sulphurite. He thought the Mining Act should be amended so as to limit the area which could be taken up by one party, as under this change the country would be more thoroughly prospected than it is now, and especially would this be the case should successful development ensue in the district. So far nothing has so much hindered development here as the disputed question of title. The Keweenaw Lumber company's lease also stops development to a very considerable extent, the company claiming absolute control of the land covered by the lease, and the manager treats all prospectors and miners on the company's limits as trespassers.

### WOODCHUCK AND SULTANA LOCATIONS.

Robert Bunting, who with John Little, of Kirkirk, is owner of the Woodchuck gold location, gave an account of the discovery of gold on that property five years ago. The vein is about eight inches wide at the top, and at the depth of sixteen feet it widens to

four feet. It is a free milling ore, and the gold is easily extracted by the simple process of burning and pounding. The other veins examined were the H. H. son and George H. son, both of which are valuable veins on the eastern side of gold in the district. The latter is probably the most interesting of the Sultana veins, but no mining has been made on it, as there are 15 of them. It is a rock-like vein, 20 feet broad by veins of east, west and south and south easter. The width of the veins vary from four to seven feet, and their dip is nearly vertical. No assays have yet been made on it, but the vein is found in all washings of decomposed vein rock. The location was probably sold a few weeks ago to a syndicate of American capitalists, but the holders were unable to produce title. An English company is also anxious to get hold of it, and negotiations are now going on. There would be no difficulty in getting capitalists to invest here if the question of title was settled. But when that is settled the rights of private claimants must be arranged, especially those arising out of the pretensions of the Keweenaw Lumber company, which asserts a right to all islands in the lake.

It was the intention of the commissioners to proceed up Lake of the Woods to Fort Francis, and thence to visit a number of reported iron locations on the Ontario side of the boundary, after which they proposed to cross over to the Vermilion range at Tower, in Minnesota. But being disappointed in a guide at the last moment, they have concluded that it is better to reach Tower by rail, especially as they are informed that the route by Fort Francis would take at least ten days, and possibly two weeks. So at 4 o'clock to-morrow morning they start for Tower, via Winnipeg, St. Paul and Duluth.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 20, 1888.

THE HUDDON'S DAY R. R.

The good faith of Grism as exemplified by Messrs. T. Greenway and Co. is now being put to a practical test. Because they knew the subject was a popular one in the country, they, when in opposition, kept yelling "Hudson's Bay Railway" until the Norquay Government put an Act on the Statute book committing the province to a guarantee of 45 or 45½ millions of dollars for 25 years, or \$180,000 a year for its construction, and now in office they are asked to put in force the Act they virtually formed.

Again at the session just before the elections they put \$35,000 in the estimates to complete the 40 miles already graded by the Norquay Government, to enable the Government to secure the land grant of 6,400 acres a mile from the Dominion authorities, the provincial bonds for which (\$256,000) the Norquay Government handed over to the contractors, unwise, while in office; and Ross and Onderdonk propose to complete that work for the money voted.

Besides this again these contractors propose to build 60 more miles of the road to the Narrows, to make the 40 miles of some earthly use, on condition the Government has over \$6,400 per mile in bonds as stated for in the railway Act. To all of these propositions Greenway and Co. appear to be as dumb as clams. Ross and Onderdonk are too of the most capable and solvent railway men in the country, and whatever they undertake to do they have the necessary arrangements made to enable them to do. Of course, the Grit patriots are certain; but in cating with the N.P. people, from whom they have got, what the public generally believe to be a large slice of the pie, they have so crippled the resources of the province, that they feel it is unable to do anything more in railway building. This is about how the thing will wind up. In the estimations, or at least according to the representations for estimation and representation are two separate and distinct commodities with these gentlemen—of these heroes, when seeing office nothing was to save this country but the Hudson's Bay Railway, and now in office, everything else is trotted out as a saviour before it. Greenway and Co. did well for themselves in dissolving the House when they did, before the electors had much insight into their "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain."

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Call says:—There is one clause in the agreement made by the local Government with the Oakes syndicate which has not attracted much attention, but which, when looked into, causes certain doubts to us. It is in the following: "It is further agreed that in calculating the amount expended on the said lines from Winnipeg to St. Paul and from Morris to Brandon the sum of \$500 per mile shall be allowed for costs of organizing, preparing and printing bonds and coupons and legal expenses in connection with such organization and preparation of bonds, etc." What does this "organizing" mean, and why is it necessary that it should involve an expenditure of \$500 per mile of road? The St. P. and M. did not deem it necessary to have such a clause in the contract which they asked the Government to consider. Then why should the N.P. Does it not smack something of a bundle nature, in which not alone the N.P. officials are to share?

Well, but there was no chance for Greenway and Martin to baffle in the St. P. and M. offer. Of course there can be no such expenditure made as \$500 a mile on the items not specified, but Greenway and Martin could not have been expected to sit up in caucus till 6 o'clock in the morning in driving and bulldozing their following in the House, and forcing representatives to swallow their honest convictions for nothing. \$13,000 is little enough for such an effect. A case of clear stealing cannot be proven against Greenway and Martin, but it is certainly reason to expect that no two members of the Government would resort to the extraordinary stand they took at the caucus, threatening resignation for non compliance of their following, without a consideration of some kind. The natural course of ministers when uninfluenced is to be governed by the wishes of their followers, which would as certainly have been the case with Greenway and Martin if they had not trying fish in another direction. It will all come to the surface yet. It is well known that Martin was not worth a dollar before he got into parliament, and it is as equally well known Greenway was not worth a dollar before he got into the ministry, and our word for it, when the gentleman's seat office four years hence, if not before, they will have enough in gopher holes somewhere to keep them and their the rest of their days. They are both too patriotic to allow matters to terminate otherwise.

The Hon. Cypher Smart has gone east, it is said, to learn what he can about the management of asylums in the eastern provinces. It is a wonder the Government did not send some one who can learn, as Mr. Smart, like the "noted haythen" has never been known to learn anything, and also never to forget anything. The exhibitions he made at the public meeting in the rink proved he learned nothing since he first entered the House, and the bitter feeling he retains for all who ever voted against him shows he never forgets anything either.

Our city Council is this year grappling with the merits of the practical economy of previous councils. It appears last year's council did not levy for within \$4,000 of the year's requirements, and as a legacy of upwards of \$6,000 hung over from the days of Mr. Smart's financing, there was an aggregate deficit of \$10,000 stating the people in the face this year for which a levy is being made. If taxes are high this year, then the people must blame previous year's councils, and not the administrators of the present year. To our mind, too, the assessment of personal property has been next thing to a farce because of the inequalities, the assessor in most cases having been prone to take the statement of the owners rather than an estimate of his own. In short, the inequalities must be readily apparent to any one who takes the trouble to look over the assessment roll. We are long since convinced of the unfairness of the assessment law of the province—that is, exacting taxes from every man for the full value of all property—real and personal—in his possession, regardless altogether of what the nominal owner may owe on the property, but at the same time the law should be properly observed while it is there. The true principle of assessment is to tax every man for what he is worth over his liabilities, and nothing more. This would properly adjust taxation on all parties. To do this, of course, Loan Companies and private individuals would have to pay taxes within the corporation in which they hold their lens on the amount of their mortgages, and the owners would simply be taxed for the balance of the values; and on personal effects liabilities would be deducted from stocks, and a levy on the surplus. However, as our law makes no provisions for these exceptions but exacts taxes on all visible effects according to value that law, if observed in this city, would put a very different face on our assessment. As the assessments have been made, the honest residents, who tell the truth, are only taxed the more for telling it. The rate this year will be 45½ mills for schools, and 16½ for general purposes, on an assessment of \$1,641,585, to raise \$27,874.11.

Brother Bailey, of the Rambler City Vindicator, in justifying the Greenway Government for giving such a bonanza to the Northern Pacific R.R. Co. says, "The main business of the Government is and has been to break up once and forever railway monopoly in this province." Ah, indeed! It is not true then what Mr. Greenway told the electors after his return from Ottawa last spring, that he succeeded in breaking up monopoly; and it is not true as the Grit prints one and all used to tout after that return, that to Mr. Greenway alone the credit for breaking up the monopoly should be given. It appears, too, the parliament of Canada in voting a line of 15 millions to the C.P.R. did it for nothing at all, as monopoly was not broken up until Greenway and Co. let the N.P. contract. Of course we learn as we grow older. Greenway himself used to say, when questioned as to the property of going on with the R.R.V.R. after the C.P.R. loan was carried in the House, that it was necessary to complete the link, to show the out side world monopoly was really broken; but Bailey goes on better than Greenway, and contends it was necessary to make the arrangements that have been made with the Northern Pacific and vote \$2,800,000 of provincial credit to do what Greenway said he did at Ottawa, and what Greenway said the people would be assured of if the R.R.V.R. were completed. But brother Bailey throws more light upon the benighted subject, he says that if the proposition of the St. Paul's people were accepted it could only "influence freights" at Virden, Deloraine, Cartwright and Brandon, and the Northern Pacific scheme will influence them at Plum Coulee, Morden, Thornhill, Darlington, Manitou, La Riviere, Pilot Mound, Clear Water, &c. (naming the stations contiguous to the branches to be built). Success, Bro. Bailey, this is just the point we have always taken, an alleged competitive road even if a competitor can only influence freights at points convenient to it, so that the members in constituencies traversed by the M. and N.W. Road who supported the Government sank the country up to its ears for a railway scheme that can be of no earthly value to their constituencies, and Campbell, of Souris River, Dickson and McLean, actually voted against a proposition that was going to give competition to their own constituencies and for one to sink the province for a scheme that can only "influence freights" at points remote from their own people. This is one candid admission, and now for an honest answer to an honest question. In what shape will the province be financially when it guarantees interest on \$6,400 a mile on the extension of the Northern Pacific to influence freights in parts of the province that will remain "uninfluenced" after the present projects are completed—say through Souris River and Dennis coul and all the country 20 to 25 miles north of the C.P.R.? That is the question to which we would like a plain, candid reply.

France is organising a bureau to compel all intending newspaper men to pass an examination before engaging in the profession. It would be a real god-send if something of the kind were done in Manitoba, as then, with the blacksmiths and adventurers fit for nothing else kept out, there would be a decent living remaining for competent journalists.

The local Sun comes to the defence of Mr. Clifford Sifton because of his absence when the vote on the Bill to cancel the court muzzling Act came up in the House, and such an apology! The organ acknowledges the only two features of the case that we could ask it to acknowledge, firstly, that Mr. Sifton had in the late campaign "expressed opinions" in opposition to the Act; and secondly, that he was not in the house when Gillies' Bill came up for a division. Here is the acknowledgment that Mr. Sifton shirked responsibility—now for the excuse. The print says: "Messrs. Sifton and Campbell left the House sometime before the Railway Bill was finished, and their absence when the Bill for the relief of the Call came up was purely accidental."

On the night in question the order paper following the Northern Pacific contract Bill, was rushed through after hours, and contrary to the arrangement which had been made previously, which was that no further business would be taken up after the railway Bill was reported." Then Mr. Sifton belongs to a party that takes delight in deceiving one another, even in matters affecting the welfare of the country, because the controlling faction told him no business would be proceeded with after the railway Bill was reported, and then actually contrary to that arrangement, proceeded with Gillies' Bill, upon which the vote of Mr. Sifton was required in order to set himself right before his constituents. Then what is to be thought of such a controlling faction that breaks faith with its following, and what is to be thought of Mr. Sifton for not having a better appreciation of the honor of that faction. In any event it shows the desire of one faction of the Grit party is to sacrifice the honor of the other, and the absence of Mr. Sifton when that sacrifice was being made shows the desire of both factions was to sacrifice the responsibility of one another and the honor of the country. As the case stands Mr. Sifton stands guilty of securing Conservative votes in North Brandon through what he well knows to be species of deceit representing he possessed a fairness towards both political parties which his organ declares the deception of his own friends did not allow him to exercise. This is how the Sun places Mr. Sifton before the electors of North Brandon, and if he is satisfied with the spectacle, we can have no more fault to find. It proves, once for all, however, that scratch off the outside cuticle of the most Liberal Reformer seeking for political place, and underneath you are always sure to find the most rabid Grit. The question is if Mr. Sifton and the Sun cannot place confidence in the solemn representations of the dominant section of the Grit party, what right have they to ask the public to place reliance in any one of its constituent elements.

Reform, we are told, is economical in Manitoba, and for that reason Mr. E. Evans had to be dismissed from the county court clerkship, to admit of the office being fused with that of the prothonotary. The same thing was done at the Portage, where a Grit and Conservative held the offices respectively, as is the case here; and in each case the Conservative incumbent was fired and the Grit retained. That is not a bad showing for a "Provincial Rights" Government. We believe that no man yet ever offered the first word of complaint against the way in which Mr. Evans discharged his duties. Everything was always systematic, and prompt returns made of all collections, but still there was the question of "Economy." It appears, however, to suit an emergency and make room for a friend, who we believe was a few years ago a Conservative, the office of caretaker of the Court House, which was effectually closed the past year, had to be re-opened and this friend provided for. Bad and extravagant as the Norquay Government was, it could dispense with the services of a caretaker at the Court House, but economical Greenway and Co., who dismissed Mr. Evans on the ground of economy had to re-open the caretakership for the convenience of Mr. Blight. The Conservative electors who voted for Messrs. Smart, Sifton and Co. will please take a note of these things.

The Portage correspondent of the Free Press says:

"The rumor that the M. & N. W. Ry. is about to pass into the hands of the C. P. R. is believed by some and disbelief by others. This thing of reported selling out has been going on for the last three or four years, and it is not a case of 'done' yet, though said to be 'going, going.' We trust that there is no truth in the report, as it will be detrimental to the interests of our town, which started the old Portage and Northwestern Railway, and the barren of which would we feel to this day, and will for a long time to come. Moreover, a corporation which has not enough funds to extend its southwestern branches even 50 miles, should not have enough wealth to buy out such a well equipped railway as the M. & N. W. Ry. is now."

True, O king! The Portage is in trouble lest the M. & N. W. people should sell out to the C. P. R. because the Portage bonuses it heavily and feels the burden to this day; and in the face of this we venture the opinion that same correspondent justifies Martin and Co. for making an agreement with the Northern Pacific that will hamper the whole province for 25 years, and which does not prevent the N. P. from selling out to the C. P. R., though a third party, or any one else, they see fit. It is all wrong when a railway corporation deceives a town, but it is all right when Greenway and Martin swindle a whole province, through their incapacity or something worse.

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## THE BRANDON MAIL.

### BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Meeting This Morning — Resolutions of Thanks — British Columbia.

Memorial on the Death of Enoch Wood and James Ferrier.

The Methodist Board of Missions Concluded Their Work.

The Appropriations to the Conferences—Committee Reports.

Thursday, Sept. 13.

At the afternoon and evening sittings of the Methodist Board of Missions yesterday the time was principally devoted to the consideration of schedules. Rev. Dr. Carman in the chair, Rev. M. L. Peterson moved, with reference to the Indian mission, that the sum of appropriation be set aside for the domestic missions. This was voted but not carried. The committee on French work and Indian affairs reported in favour of the motion. Rev. J. B. St. John moved a vote of thanks in reference to the C. R. R. school at Vancouver, at which about 40 or 50 Indians were in attendance.

The C. P. R. and M. & N. W. R. Co. officers having invited the members of the board and their friends to free return trips over their lines to any part of the province, and as far west as Lethbridge, the letter writers were instructed to acknowledge the courtesy and steps were taken to forward a list of those who wished to avail themselves of the offer.

The evening sitting of the board was devoted to the consideration of the items of appropriation asked for the French mission. Rev. J. R. Gandy introduced a motion to recognize the services of Rev. W. W. Simpson, principal of the M. & N. W. R. Co. Industrial Institute. The motion stated that Mr. Simpson had given to the institution self-sacrifice, which had been previously due \$1,000 a year from the mission funds. The number of pupils had been increased by 15, and \$1,000 a year had been applied to his improvement in supplies. Rev. Dr. Ford seconded the motion, saying that there had been a number of difficulties Principal than Mr. Simpson over the institution.

The object of the resolution was carried out in a sum total sum, giving the principal the proposed grant of \$200, but not as a direct increase of salary.

Friday, Sept. 14.

The general board of missions met last evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Williams presiding.

The committee on French missions presented the following report:

1. With regard to the memorial from Cowansville, we find that the late Asron Sargent by will bequeathed to the Methodist mission society a sum of \$5,250, to be paid, expended and applied for the benefit of the missionary fund, and for the support of the different domestic mission stations of the church in any of them; and that shortly before his death he stated that the Cowansville church would be better off after his death, than by retaining that part of the bequest made by him to the missionary society should be given to the Cowansville church. We therefore recommend that if the Cowansville people will erect a church of the value of \$5,000, including a site as stated in the memorial, a grant of \$5,000 be made to them from the Sargent bequest.

2. Having considered the matter relative to the French institution in Montreal, we recommend:

A grant of \$25,000 be made by this board and that the Women's Missionary society be requested to assume the interest on an additional \$10,000 required to build the girls' wing and that on their assuming the interest on that amount we commence to build.

3. That the following be a board of directors for the current year, viz:

The general superintendents, the missionary secretary, Revs. Dr. Douglas, Shaw, T. G. Williams, C. A. Hanson, Dr. Austin, Messrs. Geo. Bishop, Jno. Palmer and Mrs. Jordan; and further that the ladies of the Women's Missionary society be requested to appoint three lady directors.

4. That the following be a building committee: Revs. T. G. Williams, Dr. Shaw, C. A. Hanson, Messrs. Geo. Bishop, Jordan.

5. That the corner stone be laid on the 12th day of October next; that one of the general superintendents and the general secretary be requested to lay the corner stone, and that the members of the Methodist church, who may be present at the Alliances' Conference be invited to attend and take part in the ceremonies and that the details be arranged by the local directors.

6. That the Board of Missions be requested by this board, that it was referred to us, we do not pass upon it.

The above is respectfully submitted.

Geo. Douglas, Chairman.

W. H. Lamely, Secretary.

The clause relating to the Sargent bequest was changed so that the Cowansville people are only required to furnish \$1,500 for the erection of a new church.

An amendment to clause 2, moved by Dr. Sutherland, that this board authorize the erection of the proposed French institute in Montreal on the basis of the tenders approved by the board of directors. That the whole building be completed in accordance with the plans proposed by the architect, Mr. Hill, provided the Women's Missionary society will agree to pay rent for the part of the building occupied by the female pupils, equivalent to interest on \$10,000, and provide for a fair proportion of the vesting and running expenses. Otherwise the building of the south wing shall be deferred for the present. Carried.

On motion of Rev. T. G. Williams, seconded by Rev. Dr. Griffin, the general board was instructed to request the Women's society to appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to consult with the directors of the institute in all matters connected with the management of the girls' department.

The report of the committee on travelling

expenses was as follows: We beg leave to report that we have examined the accounts of the travelling expenses of the members of this board, and find that they amount to \$2,446.52. We find the same to be correct, and recommend that they be paid.

The report was adopted.

The committee on appropriations fixed the appropriations on the basis of \$205,000, and this was approved by the board.

The morning was spent till 11 o'clock doing committee work.

At 11 o'clock Rev. Dr. Williams took the chair.

The Rev. Dr. Sanderson, on behalf of the committee on resolutions, presented the following report:

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

That this mission board of the Methodist church heartily and unanimously places on record its sense of the courtesy of the authorities of the C. P. R., Grand Trunk, Manitoba & Northwestern and Intercolonial railways, for their generosity to the members of the board, and asks the several railway managements to accept its thanks for their kindness and liberality.

That we acknowledge the courtesy and kindness of the press of this city toward this board. We appreciate most heartily the fairness and fullness of its reports, and the uniform respect which the press has shown to the members of the board, from our first coming until the close of our session.

The general missionary board of the Methodist church has sincere pleasure in placing on record an expression of its grateful appreciation of the courtesy extended to its members by the mayor and council of the city of Winnipeg, who have accorded a treatment unequalled by other civic bodies, and we heartily thank them for the expression of the kindness shown. We express an earnest hope that the blessings of Providence may abundantly rest on the city of Winnipeg, and the great country of which it is the center.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

The board desires to record its sense of loss in the removal by death of one of its oldest and most valued members, the Hon. James Ferrier, of Montreal. It is needless to relate with what conspicuous ability and fidelity the deceased gentleman performed the duties of the many prominent and responsible positions in the church and state which throughout his long career he was called upon to fill. In Mr. Ferrier the missionary enterprises of the Methodist church invariably found a zealous advocate and a generous supporter. As a member of this board his services were invaluable. On many critical occasions the interest entrusted to the board derived signal advantage from his sound judgment, wide knowledge of public affairs, and remarkable force of character. The board testifies its appreciation of Mr. Ferrier's distinguished and disinterested services, as well as of his spotless character, and rejoices that his example is an inspiration to "whatsoever things are pure and lovely and of good report."

#### REV. ENOCH WOOD, D. D.

The Rev. Enoch Wood, D. D., long a valued member of the general board of missions, having passed to his reward since its last annual assembling, this board avails itself of the first subsequent opportunity of placing upon record a slight tribute of his worth, and a record of its appreciation of his faithful and long-continued services. In the morning of his ministerial life he consecrated himself to missionary work in the West Indies while his ripened manhood and advanced years, until death, were devoted to the same cause in the maritime and western provinces. For forty years he sustained the relations to this society of general superintendent of missions, general secretary and honorary secretary, sustaining the latter relation till God took him home. A man of large sympathies and great pulpit and platform ability, sagacious in his plans, wise in his counsels and never failing in his love for missions and missionaries, he was pre-eminently fitted for the grave and responsible position he so long occupied in connection with the missionary society in this dominion. This work is over, and he has entered his rest and joined the many faithful and honored workers whose unceasing joy it has been to hear the Master say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Rev. Dr. Griffin presented the report of the commission on British Columbia.

Much time was spent in discussing the British Columbia report. Rev. Mr. Starr presented the case and pointed out that while the Methodists had a great hold among the Indians on the coast, their work was being disregarded by reports of government agents and others that the Methodist missionaries were sowing seeds of sedition, inciting Indians to rebellion, and in addition were guilty of immoral practices with the squaws. These representations were made to the government, and it was charged that the removal of the Methow Indians to Alaska was due to missionary persuasion. The board regarded the question as a most serious one, and a long time was spent in discussing the various aspects of it. It was felt that the honor of the church demanded an immediate investigation and a commission of three fathers was proposed, a start to be made at once. It is most probable that this proposal will be adopted, and that an immediate start will be made. The matter was further discussed at this afternoon's session.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

The Methodist Board of Missions held three sessions yesterday, and concluded their labors shortly after midnight.

Rev. Dr. Carman presided over the afternoon session.

London was selected for the place of meeting next year, and the first Tuesday in October was set.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

Mr. J. Donly presented the report of the committee on appropriations. The total amount appropriated was \$205,071. The amounts proposed to be raised in the various conferences, and the amounts proposed last year were stated as follows: Toronto conference, this year, \$7,080; last year, \$8,423. London conference, this year, \$3,280; last year, \$8,123; last year, \$8,480; Bay of Quinte conference, this year, \$8,215; last year \$8,375; Montreal conference, this year,

\$16,640; last year \$20,050. Manitoba conference, this year, \$15,900; last year, \$17,700. British Columbia conference, this year, \$3,175; last year, \$2,920. Newfoundland, this year, \$9,680; last year, \$9,445. Nova Scotia conference, this year, \$11,730; last year, \$12,880. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island conference, this year, \$18,750; last year, \$13,425.

The gross amount appropriated for domestic missions this year was \$70,960; the amount last year, \$71,032; being an increase this year of \$5,557.

The report further contained the following recommendations as to appropriations to the several conferences:

Toronto conference, for rents, \$29; removals, \$418; Indian work, \$3,300; advances to recoup for parsonages, \$190; domestic missions, \$5,830; total, \$29,767.

London conference—Rents, \$105; removals, \$153; Indian work, \$2,270; advances to recoup \$235; domestic missions, \$2,075; total, \$9,311.

Niagara conference—Rents, \$45; removals, \$97; Indian work, \$2,150; advances to recoup \$235; domestic missions, \$2,075; total, \$8,752.

Guelph conference—Rents, \$67; removals, \$275; Indian work, \$1,978; advances to recoup, \$225; domestic missions, \$5,125; total, \$7,671.

Bay of Quinte conference—Rents, \$153; removals, \$518; Indian work, \$1,608; advances to recoup, \$225; domestic missions, \$5,100; total, \$8,101.

Montreal conference—Rents, \$262; removals, \$503; Indian work, \$1,505; French work, \$3,163; advances to recoup, \$260; lumbermen's mission, \$20; Bourg, Louis, \$50; domestic missions, \$7,785; total, \$22,089.

Manitoba conference—Rents, \$99; removals, \$68; Indian missions, \$17,970; advances to recoup, \$775; domestic missions, \$12,207; total, \$29,739.

British Columbia conference—Rents, \$105; removals, \$768; Indian missions, \$15,227; advances to recoup, \$135; Chinese work, \$2,750; domestic missions, \$4,980; total, \$23,879.

Nova Scotia conference—Rents, \$107; removals, \$381; advances to recoup, \$355; domestic missions, \$5,525; total, \$6,343.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward's Island conference—Rents, \$100; removals, \$175; advances to recoup, \$235; domestic missions, \$5,745; total, \$6,255.

Newfoundland conference—Rents, \$172; removals, \$401; Red Bay and host, \$360; Hamilton Inlet and host, \$145; advances to recoup, \$80; domestic missions, \$12,482; total, \$13,940.

Japan—For evangelistic work, \$12,000; for educational work, \$7,657; total, \$19,777.

Miscellaneous, \$41,565; total net grant, \$206,071.

The report was adopted.

The amount allotted for domestic missions is 79 per cent of the whole.

It was decided, on motion of Dr. Douglass, to adjourn upon the Edmund street property, Toronto.

Mr. W. H. Leiby presented a report in reference to the French work, recommending \$105 additional, making \$200 altogether, for the purpose of obtaining supplies of French Methodist literature.

#### JAPAN REPORT.

The report of the committee on Japan work was presented. It is a lengthy document. It recommends a union between the missions of the Methodist Episcopal church and those of our own church in Japan, as suggested by the Japanese council. It recommended that a central mission hall in Tokyo be established, and that \$1,000 be asked for this purpose. The committee did not object to the return of Mr. Gilliam from Japan. In view of the growing importance of the work in Japan, and the prospect of union, the report recommended that the general missionary secretary visit that country before the next conference.

A discussion occurred upon the last recommendation, but the report was not changed, although an amendment was offered.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The discussion upon the state of affairs in Columbia, which was begun before adjournment, was resumed. Rev. Mr. Starr presented the case in pretty strong language.

The matter was settled by the adoption of a deliverance presented by Dr. Sutherland, instructing the board's solicitor to make a careful inquiry into the whole case, and secure such evidence and statutory declarations as would bring to light the real facts of the case.

Rev. Dr. Douglas moved a resolution, affirming the claims of the Methodist church in relation to the establishment of Indian training institutions in British Columbia, but the matter was referred to the committee on Indian affairs.

#### INDIAN AND CHINESE AFFAIRS.

The report of the committee on these subjects was presented. It complained that in the establishment of Industrial and training schools in the Northwest the Methodists had been overlooked, other denominations having secured control of one institution. The report mentioned the proposal to establish an institution at Battle river, and recommended that the secretary be instructed to press upon the Superintendent General of Indian affairs, in the name of this board and of the Methodist church, the following points: 1. The speedy completion of the proposed institute buildings at Battle river. 2. A grant for the erection of suitable buildings for the McDougall training school and an annual grant similar to that given to other institutions.

3. The establishment of an industrial institute in the eastern part of Manitoba for the Indians around Lake Winnipeg and in the region to the north, northeast and northwest thereof. All these institutions to be under the management of persons appointed by this society.

In reference to industrial institutes in British Columbia the report mentioned that it was the intention of the government to establish four, and although it was given out that they would be non denominational as to their control, it was learned on what might be regarded as good authority, that two of the proposed institutions are to be located at missions of the Church of England, and two at Roman Catholic missions, and this in face of the fact that Indian adherents of the Methodist church, especially in the Northwest coast, largely exceeded those of the other communications mentioned. We, therefore, recommend: 1. That the secretary urge upon the government the claim of the Methodist

church to be recognized in the location and control of some of these institutes. 2. That in the meantime he make a personal inspection, as far as possible, of the localities mentioned, especially Chilliwack, and report to the committee of finance.

The committee could not see its way clear to recommend the establishment at Nanaimo of a home for destitute Indian children.

Respecting the new school on White Cap's reserve, the committee considered the opening a good one, and that it should be occupied, and recommended that it be placed on the list of Indian schools conducted by the Missionary society.

On motion of the general secretary it was resolved that the committee of consultation and finance be composed as follows: The General Superintendents, the officers of the society, Revs. Dr. Potts, Dr. Shaw, W. J. Maxwell, Dr. Steane, Dr. Sutherland, Dr. Griffin, H. S. Matthews and Dr. Young; Misses. J. J. McLaren, Q. C. W. E. Hall, R. Brown, A. J. Denly, J. T. Moore, R. J. Dawson, H. H. Fugler, Sheriff Bowles and J. Rippon.

The following were appointed a committee on consultation in addition to the committee on finance: C. Roberts, Dr. Parker, J. S. Ross, M. L. Pearson and T. W. Jolliffe.

Shortly after midnight the session closed, Rev. Dr. Williams pronouncing the benediction.

The mission board of the Manitoba conference of the Methodist church met in Zion church yesterday.

The first business before the board was that of fixing the basis upon which the appropriation should be made. It was arranged that this should be, for a married minister in Manitoba, \$850; in the Northwest Territories, \$1,000; for a single man in Manitoba, \$600; in the Northwest Territories, \$800. Upon this basis the board found itself able to give 66 per cent on the salaries, which makes the minimum of a missionary \$650.

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# THE BRANDON MAIL.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

"The Winnipeg correspondent of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, in alluding to the rejection by the Manitoba Government of the proposals made by the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railway company, says:

"An offer that is made public after the Government has committed its caucus, and after the first tenders have been opened, as it were, cannot hope for a warm reception, especially when there is a deep rooted suspicion that the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba is Mr. Van Horne in disguise."

"We commend, for particular reason, this very sensible expression of opinion to the careful consideration of the Free Press."

Exactly; that is just the kind of reasoning that pleases henchlings of the Winnipeg Sun at the moment, because it assists in helping Greenway and Martin out of the hole. But has the Sun forgotten how Greenway and Martin and all other henchlings of its own faith roundly censured the Federal Government in 1880 and even since, for not considering the proposition of the new company organized to build the C. P. R., and that only made its offer when the Stephen Syndicate's terms were virtually accepted, not only by the Government, but also by the Parliament, and even in the face of the telegram from Mr. Ross, the leading spirit in it, saying his name had been used without his knowledge or his consent. In the case of the St. P. M. & M. proposition, it is well known that all parties to it were genuine, while it was equally well known the Ross proposition in 1880 was fraudulent; and when the Greenway—Martin—San gang blame the Ottawa Government for not entertaining what the public knew to be a fraudulent offer, how much more blameworthy are they themselves now for not considering a genuine offer from solvent parties. When, however, can you get a genuine Grit to come down to sensible conclusions?

The Winnipeg Sun publishes the result of an interview its reporter had with Ald. Riley, of that city, in which the latter gentleman deprecates the very idea of giving a cent to the Hudson's Bay Railway. Any gift of any amount, he says, will be the last straw to break the camel's back. Exactly; now that Greenway and Martin have got through the scheme that pays them best, financially, the remaining interests of the province must suffer for ever. This is what Grismith has done for Manitoba, and it is nothing but what might have been expected when the electors plied adventurers like Greenway and Martin in a position where they were likely to be greased.

After all the fuss and feathers, the Hon. E. Dewdney was elected for East Assinibina by acclamation, on Thursday last. This shows the good sense of the electors of that constituency, as they have everything to gain by Mr. Dewdney's representation.

## A SENSELESS POLICY.

Having been so precipitate in entering into the N. P. agreement, the Government will now excuse itself from adding the construction of other railways on the ground that the limit of railway aid has been nearly reached.

If the Government has assumed obligations that make it necessary to incur no more, certainly it should be very careful about giving further aid to railway branches. But it has assumed obligations that could have been avoided, and has devoted the public money to unnecessary projects, and thus destroyed its ability to aid branch lines which are extremely necessary, it cannot be too strongly condemned.

Of the courses which lay open to select from, the Government certainly chose the very worst. Under the Northern Pacific contract the province may or may not be required to pay the interest on all the bonds. All is uncertainty. Whether in the end it will have to pay the interest or not, it must provide against it as a contingency by setting apart a large portion of its annual income for that purpose. Had the St. P. M. & M. contract, under which the province would have received a rental almost covering its liability for interest on its expenditure, been accepted, the Government would have had remaining just so much more revenue to devote to the assistance of other branch lines.

That was one flagrant error. Another lay in giving the aid to a section of country lying between Morris and Brandon and doubly served by railways, and refusing it to a section—the Souris country—which is suffering most grievously for lack of railway facilities of any kind. Had the St. P. M. & M. contract been accepted, the Souris country would have been provided for; while the western end of the Province would have two railways where it now has none, and at much less expense than the construction of the branch from Morris to Brandon will necessitate. The St. P. M. & M. agree to do without the \$500 per mile given to the N. P. for "organization" purposes, and to take \$5,000 per mile of guaranteed bonds instead of \$5,400 per mile the amount of the guarantee to the C. P. R.

Common sense should have taught the Government what was the proper course to choose. As it is, it has, seemingly, not only crippled itself to such an extent that the Souris district can look for no assistance at its hands, but the cases of other portions of the Province are equally hopeless. If owing to the Government's rashness and folly, or worse, branches to the southwestern and northwestern quarters of the Province can hope for no assistance. So far as Government aid is concerned, the people of Varennes, Laverdure, Carillon and Manchester, a great portion of the Province, nearly all of it well settled, must do without any railway facilities except where the C. P. R. touches its western border. The settlers in nearly all of West-Keune and Beautiful Plains, in part of

Minnedosa, all through Riding Mountains and the magnificent country in the Lake Dauphin district, and nearly all through Russell, must suffer the same fate. Gimli, Ligar, Plessis and Fairford, constituting, as can fare no better.

And yet it was quite possible, had the proper course been pursued, to so husband the Provincial revenues as to be able to assist branches to reach all these districts, or at least to relieve them most material. Had the St. P. M. & M. proposals been accepted, the west and southwest would have been amply served. The rentals from the St. P. M. & M. system as promised in the proposition, would have covered the interest on the cost of construction, and left the Government in a position to aid a road through the southeastern quarters of the Province. The immense saving which could easily have been effected, together with the remainder of the rentals would have gone a long way towards paying the interest on the bonds of short branches into the northwest and northeast quarters of the Province as well. But the Government has seen fit to choose the other course.—Free Press.

## Caution.

THE public are hereby warned against purchasing or negotiating a pro note of \$60, made by the undersigned dated the 1st of Sept., at 10 months date, in favor of J. S. Ross, as the same was given through false representation.

T. W. NELSON,  
Elton, Sept. 17th.

## DIED.

SHAW—At Brandon, on the morning of the 19th inst., Dora Helen, beloved wife of Duncan W. Shaw, and daughter of the late John O'Hara, Q. C., of Belleville, Ont.

The funeral will take place on Friday next, proceeding from her husband's residence to the cemetery, at 3 o'clock.

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